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SAN CARLOS RESIDENT SENTENCED TO 121 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- José de Jesus Rivera, United States Attorney for the District of Arizona, announced today that MARVEY JONES VICTOR, age 36 of San Carlos, Arizona, was sentenced today to 121 months in prison for one count of Aggravated Sexual Abuse in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 2241(a), by United States District Court Roslyn O. Silver, in Phoenix, Arizona.

On November 27, 2000, Marvey Jones Victor pleaded guilty to the charge of Aggravated Sexual Abuse and admitted the following facts. During the month of May in 2000, Victor resided within the San Carlos Indian Community, San Carlos, Arizona, and was an enrolled member of the Community. On May 19, 2000, Victor's wife was out of the town helping fight a forest fire. On that same date, a juvenile girl, then age 12, was in Victor's care. While the two were in Victor's home, Victor used force to rape the young girl. After the rape. Victor threatened harm to the victim if she told of the incident.

A conviction for Aggravated Sexual Abuse in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1153 and 2241(a) carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment, a \$250,000.00 fine, or both.

The investigation that led to the guilty plea and sentencing was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Law Enforcement Services and the San Carlos Apache Tribal Police Department. The defendant has been in custody since his arrest on September 26, 2000, and was remanded to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons by Judge Silver.

This case was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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